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Offenders Returning From Prison Focus of Ten Events

New Radio Show (Podcast) Regarding One Offender's Experience Available at <http://media.csosa.gov>. 11 Additional Podcasts Feature the Opinions of Current and Former Offenders Regarding Reentry

Six faith Institutions Participating in Reentry Observances on Sunday, January 20

Women Offenders Forum Planned for Saturday, February 23

Mentors and Offenders Celebrate Faith-Based Accomplishments at St. Luke Center in SE D.C. on Thursday, February 28

Previously Incarcerated Offenders Event on Friday, February 29

Details Available on www.csosa.gov

(Washington, DC)— The Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA—a federal executive branch agency) and the faith community of Washington, DC announce a series of events designed to highlight issues regarding offender reentry.

CSOSA provides probation and post-incarceration supervision of approximately 15,000 offenders in DC. CSOSA provides comprehensive, public safety oriented programming and treatment services combining strict accountability with meaningful opportunity.

Each year, approximately 2,000 offenders return from federal correctional institutions to the District of Columbia. Approximately 650,000 offenders return from federal and state prisons throughout the country each year. Most need supervision, services and support to remain drug and crime free.

Events: January 20 – February 29, 2008. See www.csosa.gov for Details

January 20 (Sunday)--“Justice Sunday” events will be held at the following faith institutions:

- Peace Baptist Church – NE
- Campbell AME Church – SE
- Upper Room Baptist Church-NE
- Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church-NW
- Metropolitan AME Church-NW
- Community Action Group-SE

January 21 (Monday)-Dr. Martin Luther King National Day of Service-Memorial Peace Walk. See www.mlkday.gov . Assemble at Matthews Memorial Baptist Church at 9:00 a.m.

January 23 (Wednesday)-The Unknown Truth About Drugs.

January 24 (Thursday)-DC Jail-Linking Institutions, Neighborhoods and Community Services, DC Jail Amory, second floor, 11:00 a.m. to Noon.

January 26 (Saturday)-Mentor Orientation and Training Session.

January 27 (Sunday)-Breaking the Chain Foundation (mentoring children of the incarcerated). 4409 South Capitol St. from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

February 9 (Saturday)-“Reviving the Spirit,” an event coordinated by CSOSA and held at Pilgrim Baptist Church, 700 Eye Street, NE, from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. CSOs, mentors and mentees attend workshops on mentoring offenders.

February 23 (Saturday)-Women’s Reentry Forum: Emery Recreation Center, 5701 Georgia Ave. NW Washington, D.C. 20011 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

February 28 (Thursday)-“Citywide Reentry Assembly: Mentees are Making It.” Coordinated by CSOSA’s Faith Community Partnership, St. Luke Center, 4923 East Capital Street, SE, from 6:30 – 8:30 pm.

February 29 (Friday)-Previously Incarcerated Persons (PIPs) Event. Site TBA

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